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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 1756

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: BTIO, CG  
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: REGIDESO WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

REF: (A) KINSHASA 10908, (B) KINSHASA 561

1. EMBASSY HAS THUS FAR BEEN CONTACTED BY TWO AMERICAN COMPANIES CONCERNING REGIDESO PROJECT, CRS DESIGN ASSOCIATES AND MORRISON-KNUDSON. CRS OFFERED TO COME TO KINSHASA IN LATE JANUARY BUT WAS ADVISED BY REGIDESO (REF B) THAT VISIT THEN WOULD BE PREMATURE. MORRISON-KNUDSON REP CALLED ON EMBOFF JAN. 26 AND LATER CALLED ON REGIDESO HEAD TSHIONGO. MORRISON-KNUDSON, WHICH PRESENTLY IN ZAIRE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF INGA SHABA TRANSMISSION LINE, COULD BECOME VERY INTERESTED IN PROJECT, PARTICULARLY IF TIMING IS SUCH AS TO ALLOW WORKERS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM INGA SHABA TO REGIDESO AS FORMER PROJECT PHASES OUT.

2. REGIDESO OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN UNPREPARED TO OR UNABLE TO MAKE FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE UNTIL WORK ON TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS COMPLETE.

3. TO INSURE THAT ALL APPROPRIATE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY AND AMERICAN COMPANIES, CHARGE HAS INFORMED PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR BISENGIMANA OF US INTEREST AND HAS ASKED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON FOLLOWING POINTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO AMERICAN FIRMS:

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(A) DETAILS OF THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF

EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS TO BE DEMANDED.

(B) CONFIRMATION THAT BIDDING PROCEDURES WILL PERMIT A LARGE AMERICAN CONTRACTOR TO BID FOR THE COMPLETE PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PACKAGE.

(THIS WOULD IMPLY THAT THE SIX SITES WOULD BE BUILT SEQUENTIALLY WITH THE CONTRACTOR MOVING MEN AND EQUIPMENT FROM SITE TO SITE.)

(C) CONFIRMATION THAT THE TWO EUROPEAN FIRMS DRAWING UP SPECIFICATIONS WILL HAVE NO DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OR PROCUREMENT.

(D) PRECISION AS TO WHETHER GOZ PREPARED TO RECEIVE VISITS FROM INTERESTED AMERICAN FIRMS. EMBASSY WILL REPORT RESULTS OF THIS DEMARCHE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE UPDATE ON INTEREST EXPRESSED BY AMERICAN FIRMS TO MEPD AND ADVISE EMBASSY OF ANY ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.  
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